What is claimed is:

1   1.   A method for associating information with a call, the method comprising:

2   receiving a request to make a call, the call having been initiated by a user on a

3   first device;

4   prompting, by sending a signal to the first device, the user to enter information to

5   associate with the call;

6   receiving, from a second device, a signal comprising such information; and

7   associating the information with the call.

1   2.   A method for associating an account code with a call, the method comprising:

2   receiving a request to make a call, the call having been initiated by a user on a

3   first device;

4   prompting, by sending a signal to the first device, the user to enter an account

5   code to associate with the call;

6   receiving, from a second device, a signal comprising an account code; and

7   associating the account code with the call.

1   3.   The method of claim 2, wherein the signal sent to the first device indicates

2   whether the account code is required or optional.

1   4.   The method of claim 2, wherein the signal received from the second device

2   further comprises an identifier of the second device.

1   5.   The method of claim 2, further comprising determining whether the received

2   account code is valid.

1   6.   The method of claim 5, further comprising responsive to having determined that

2   the received account code is valid, sending a signal to one of the first device and the

3   second device, the signal indicating that a valid account code has been received.

1   7.   The method of claim 5, further comprising responsive to having determined that

2   the received account code is invalid, terminating the call.

1   8.   The method of claim 5, further comprising responsive to having determined that

2   the received account code is invalid, prompting the user to enter an account code.

1   9. ·   The method of claim 2, further comprising prompting, by sending a signal to the

2   second device, the user to enter an account code to associate with the call.

1   10.   The method of claim 2, further comprising receiving a signal from one of the first

2   device and the second device, the signal comprising a request for one or more valid

3   account codes.

1   11.   The method of claim 2, further comprising sending a signal to one of the first

2   device and the second device, the signal comprising one or more valid account codes,

3   responsive to having received a signal from one of the first device and the second device,

4   the signal comprising a request for one or more valid account codes.

1   12.   The method of claim 2, further comprising transferring the call to a destination

2   number of the call.

1   13.   The method of claim 2, wherein one of the first device and the second device is

2   one of an analog phone, an Internet Protocol (IP) phone, and a software phone.

1   14.   The method of claim 2, wherein one of the first device and the second device is

2   running a software application that controls another device.

1   15.   An apparatus for associating an account code with a call, the apparatus

2   comprising:

3   an incoming call module, the incoming call module configured to receive a

4   request to make a call, the call having been initiated by a user on a first

5   device;

6   a first prompting module, the first prompting module configured to prompt, by

7   sending a signal to the first device, the user to enter an account code to

8   associate with the call;

9   an account code receiving module, the account code receiving module configured

10   to receive, from a second device, a signal comprising an account code;

11   an association module, the association module configured to associate the account

12   code with the call; and

13   a control module, the control module coupled to and configured to communicate

14   with the incoming call module, the prompting module, the account code

15   receiving module, and the association module.

1   16.   The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising a validity module, the validity

2   module configured to determine whether the received account code is valid, wherein the

3   control module is further coupled to and configured to communicate with the validity

4   module.

1   17.   The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising a second prompting module, the

2   second prompting module configured to prompt, by sending a signal to the second

3   device, the user to enter an account code to associate with the call, wherein the control

4   module is further coupled to and configured to communicate with the second prompting

5   module.

1   18.   The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising a query receiving module, the

2   query receiving module configured to receive a signal from one of the first device and the

3   second device, the signal comprising a request for one or more valid account codes,

4   wherein the control module is further coupled to and configured to communicate with the

5   query receiving module.

1   19.   The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising a query response module, the query

2   response module configured to send a signal to one of the first device and the second

3   device, the signal comprising one or more valid account codes, responsive to having

4   received a signal from one of the first device and the second device, the signal

5   comprising a request for one or more valid account codes, wherein the control module is

6   further coupled to and configured to communicate with the query response module.

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